

## **REMARKS**

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

### **I. Amendments to the Claims**

Claim 24 has been amended to recite a non-transitory computer-readable recording medium.

### **II. Allowable Claims**

Claims 2-5, 9-18, 23 and 26-30 have been allowed. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable claims. Claims 2-5, 9-18, 23 and 26-30 have not been amended, and, as a result, remain in condition for allowance.

### **III. Allowable Subject Matter**

Claim 24 was identified by the Examiner as being allowable if amended to recite a non-transitory computer-readable recording medium. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

As mentioned above, claim 24, has been amended to recite a non-transitory computer-readable recording medium.

Accordingly, in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter as discussed above, it is submitted that amended claim 24 is allowable.

#### **IV. 35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejection**

Claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter. However, as discussed above, claim 24 has been amended to correct the problems identified by the Examiner. As a result, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

#### **V. Conclusion**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance and an early notification thereof is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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